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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THAI-AUSTRALIAN ARMS PLANT PROPOSAL

1. ACCORDING TO AN AMERICAN WIRE SERVICE LOCAL STRINGER, MR. JOHN SIMPSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORDNANCE CORPORATION, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, HAS BEEN IN BANGKOK FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS NEGOTIATING WITH THE THAI ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUOTE SMALL ARMS PLANT. UNQUOTE THE ESTIMATED COST WAS GIVEN AT 600 MILLION BAHT (ABOUT \$30 MILLION) WITH HALF OF THE MONEY COMING FROM AUSTRALIA.

2. MR. SIMPSON HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY OR MACHTAI AND APPARENTLY HAS AVOIDED, ALBEIT UNSUCCESSFULLY, CONTACT WITH THE PRESS.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO LEARN MORE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CANBERRA CAN PROVIDE ON MR. SIMPSON, INTERNATIONAL ORDNANCE CORPORATION, OR THE PROBABILITY OF GOA BECOMING INVOLVED IN SUCH A PROJECT.

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